

Dear FCC Representative:

I have been appalled at the FCC's recent efforts to have more media in the hands of fewer and fewer persons. This is harmful to a democracy. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, they are instead creating a partisan "media" event and presenting it as "truth." At the very least they should require equal time for the alternative position, such as the documentary "Going Upriver" to be aired shortly thereafter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Sincerely, Debra Koutnik, M.D.